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Senator Arlen Specter
 711 Hart Office Building
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Dear Senator Specter:

As a person with a disability, and an advocate, I am urging you to reject Jeffrey Sutton's nomination to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

He has consistently undermined the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other civil rights legislation. In *Olmstead v. L.C.*, he argued before the Supreme Court that states had no duty to serve people with disabilities in integrated settings under the ADA. In the *Garrett* case, he argued that state employees with disabilities can not sue their employers for damages under Title I of the ADA. These represent only two instances of his blatant disregard of the intent and the spirit of the law.

Senator, you are a sponsor of MiCASSA, and understand these issues. We can not afford to lose the rights for which we have fought so hard to establish.

I strongly urge you to vote against Jeffrey Sutton's nomination.

Sincerely,

Keith Williams

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 Statewide Action Team Community Organizer